

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 9, 16, and 20-22 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 9, 16, and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Claim 1 was also objected to for informalities. Claims 1-3, 9, 16, and 20-22 were noted as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 and the objection in the Office Action. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that indication of the allowable subject matter in each of pending claims 1-3, 9, 16, and 20-22.

Initially, applicants note that in the present application a Supplemental Amendment was filed on October 1, 2007 subsequent to an interview held between applicants' representative and Examiner Corbin on September 18, 2007. The outstanding Office Action of October 17, 2007 does not appear to have considered that Supplemental Amendment.

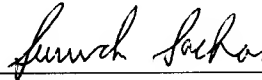
Applicants respectfully submit that as was agreed to during the interview of September 18, 2007 the amendments presented in the Supplemental Amendment filed October 1, 2007 overcome each of the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs and the objection to Claim 1.

The present response also submits amendments to claims 1 and 20 to correct minor typographical errors therein.

In view of the Supplemental Amendment filed October 1, 2007, applicants respectfully submit the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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